

RED CROSS CAMPAIGN
FOR MEMBERS OPENS

Booths Opened This Morning in Many Places—200 Students Working.

BANKS ALSO ASSIST

500 Join at Meeting in Hall Theater—No Figures Obtainable Today.

Volunteer Day in the Red Cross drive for new members started early and strong this morning with booths at the principal buildings, 200 students of Columbia High School working in the business section, University memberships being taken by fifteen girls and all the banks taking applications. Wherever a person went down town today he found a Red Cross worker.

Special teams are assigned to the Courthouse, Daniel Boone Tavern, Athens Hotel, Postoffice, Guitar Building, City Hall and Exchange National Bank Building. Membership applications may also be made at the Stephens Publishing Company.

House-to-House Canvass Later.

No house-to-house canvassing will be done until next Thursday morning, says E. Sydney Stephens, district manager. But after that time, anyone who has not joined voluntarily may expect to be solicited. The women of the Red Cross under the direction of Mrs. E. Sydney Stephens have volunteered to serve as enrolling committees in the meantime. They will have booths at twelve places, one in the General Library of the University, two in Academic Hall, one in the Postoffice, Daniel Boone Tavern, Boone County National Bank, Guitar Building, Courthouse, Athens Hotel, Exchange National Bank, Boone County Trust Company and Columbia Savings Bank.

About 500 people joined the Red Cross at the meeting held in the Hall Theater last night. So many wanted to join that several hundred had to be turned away, since there were not enough members taking applications to attend to all.

Owing to the amount of work which had to be done in looking after the committees today, no figures for today's memberships were obtained.

Dean Loeb Talks on Red Cross. "This is not a campaign for money, but a campaign for service," said Dean Isidor Loeb as he explained the Christmas membership campaign of the Red Cross Society to the Sunset Club in the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium last night. The speaker went on to say that this campaign would enable every man, woman and child to have a part in the struggle for human freedom in which this country is now engaged.

Dean Loeb spoke briefly of the Red Cross history, which is inseparably linked with the name of Florence Nightingale. It was her efforts to relieve suffering in the Crimean War that resulted in the formation of the society. He said that the organization of the Red Cross was international in its scope.

"The purpose of the Red Cross is the alleviation of suffering," said the speaker. "Its work is not confined to soldiers and sailors, but extends to their dependents."

The speaker said that the work of the American branch of the Red Cross was divided into two parts: First, the relief for the American soldiers, sailors and civilians; second, the aid extended to our Allies. Dean Loeb said that the value of the work done by the American Red Cross in sustaining the morale of the French and British armies was invaluable. The Red Cross Society has founded fifty base hospitals and a like number of ambulance services since the beginning of the war.

The speaker emphasized the enormous amount of work in knitting and the preparation of supplies for the base hospitals which has been done by the women of this country since the beginning of the war. Five million dollars has been appropriated by the Red Cross for the buying of yarn for knitting purposes.

Dean Loeb said that all the money derived from the membership fees of \$1 a year would go to pay the administrative expenses of the society. He said that the salary force was only one-half what it was last July. At that time, it consisted of about 700 persons; now it is reduced to 400. The number of volunteers for the work has increased. Some of the highest salaried men of this country are giving their time to the service.

Hilley R. Leslie Enlists in Navy. Hilley R. Leslie, a student in the School of Business and Public Administration, left today for his home in Memphis, Mo., where he will visit his folks a few days before entering the naval training school at Great Lakes, Ill. Mr. Leslie enlisted in the Navy in Kansas City last week and must report for duty January 2. He is a member of the Dana Press Club.

Opens a Flower Store. The Columbia Floral Company has opened a store in the Boone Building. Besides flowers and plants, they will handle seeds.

THE CALENDAR

Dec. 17.—Six more shopping days before Christmas.
Dec. 17.—Miss Ella V. Dobbs will speak on "The Junior Red Cross" at 7:30 p. m., in the Missouri Union Building.
Dec. 17.—Meeting of Play Reading Club at Faculty Union at 7:30 p. m. Houghton's "Hindle Wakes" will be read.
Dec. 21.—Friday, 4 p. m.—Christmas holidays begin.
Jan. 3.—Thursday, 8 a. m.—Christmas holidays end.
Jan. 14-18.—Farmer's Week.

BRITISH LOSE SIX SHIPS

German Naval Forces Inflict Heavy Loss in North Sea.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—One British and six neutral merchantmen, a British destroyer and four mine sweepers have been sunk in the North Sea by German naval forces.
The losses were the result of an attack on a convoy bound from Scotland to Norway.

C. L. BUCKMASTER DIES

Former School Head at Ashland Dropped Dead in Atchison, Kan.

ATCHISON, Kan., Dec. 17.—C. L. Buckmaster of Columbia, Mo., a prominent figure in Missouri educational work for the last forty years, dropped dead in church here yesterday. He was born in Virginia in 1849.

Mr. Buckmaster was the father of Mrs. W. R. Maxwell, who lives on Westwood avenue here. He was for a number of years superintendent of schools at Ashland and also served as school commissioner at one time. Besides his daughter he is also survived by his wife, who lives with Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell here.

PROF. SHEPARD A LIEUTENANT

M. U. Teacher Gets Commission in Ordnance Department.

Prof. Walter J. Shepard, chairman of the department of political science and public law of the University, has been appointed first lieutenant in the ordnance department of the Officers' Reserve Corps. Professor Shepard has just returned from Washington where he has been in conference with military officials.

He will be in charge of the work of recruiting civilian workers from Missouri for the ordnance department, according to the present plans. The great need of the ordnance department now is skilled workmen of all kinds, and it will be necessary to conduct a recruiting campaign to obtain the men needed. According to Dr. Shepard, 5,000 stenographers are needed at once. Under the strain of war conditions the civil service commission is over-burdened and cannot furnish the large number of employees needed by the Army. The civilians recruited for the ordnance department will not be enlisted men, and those of draft age will not necessarily be exempted.

Professor Shepard will return to Washington in January to go over with War Department officers the work which is to be done in Missouri.

FOUGHT HARD FOR HOLY CITY

Turks Repeatedly Stormed British Before Surrendering Jerusalem.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—In attacks preceding the surrender of Jerusalem, the Turks repeatedly stormed the British, shelling the Nebi-Samuel, northwest of the Holy City, then held by the London troops, according to a Reuter dispatch from British headquarters in Palestine.

The dispatch, which was sent by airplane, gives details of the capture and entry into Jerusalem.

The final Turkish attack was preceded by such a shelling that it appeared the enemy was confident the British would be blown from the summit. But all their attacks were repulsed. The Turks had a strong line west, south and southwest of Jerusalem. They were well supplied with ammunition and guns, and their artillery dominated the crest over which the British had to advance. Some Turkish guns were placed just outside the city walls, making it impossible to reply to the fire without endangering the town.

TO SEND PRIZE CORN EAR HERE

Sold at Sedalia for \$100, Which Was Given to Red Cross.

The ear of corn which took the first prize at the Pettis County corn show, will be brought here for experimental purposes. The ear, which contains 1,000 grains, was pronounced perfect. The corn show, which was the most successful in the history of Pettis County, closed Saturday night. The prize ear of corn was owned by William Romig of near Dresden. It was sold for \$100 at auction at the close of the show to citizens of Hughesville and Houstonia. The \$100 was given to the Red Cross chapters of those two towns.

The first bushel of prize corn was bought by Representative McAninch for \$75. Another bushel was bought by several Sedaliaans for \$100, which was given to the Red Cross chapter there.

SALE OF WAR SAVINGS
CERTIFICATES STARTS

18 Merchants Agree to Place Baby Bonds and Thrift Stamps in Stores.

40 ATTEND MEETING

Committee to Call on Every Business Man in City for Co-operation.

Forty business and professional men attended the special War Savings Certificates meeting held in the Daniel Boone Tavern yesterday afternoon. Arrangements were made for placing the stamps and certificates on sale in eighteen business houses of the city. A committee was appointed to call on every merchant in Columbia, with a view of obtaining their co-operation and support. Eighteen firms volunteered at the meeting to handle the stamps and will place them on sale immediately.

C. O. Selders, chairman of the merchants' committee for the sale of War Savings Certificates, presided at the meeting and called first on Dean E. R. James of the School of Law for a talk on the value and significance of the "baby bonds."

"The Nation, not only the Army, must be thoroughly mobilized," said Dean James, "if we are to win the war."

This was the experience of France, according to Mr. James, who was in Paris when war was declared by Germany over three years ago.

Critical Year of the War.

"This is the critical year of the war," he asserted, "because the Germans have a greater army on the western front than ever before. We must succeed, for we owe it to ourselves and to the great principles involved. Cash, possessions and other resources must be placed in the hands of the Government at this time."

J. T. Mitchell, former state bank examiner, epitomized his remarks in the words: "The War Savings Certificates are a splendid investment and a good education." Mr. Mitchell declared that the \$2,000,000,000 raised in this way would tend to reduce the next Liberty Loan in case it becomes necessary to float another before the close of the war.

In the absence of Festus J. Wade of St. Louis, chairman of the certificate and stamp sales for Missouri, who had been asked to attend the meeting, J. P. McBaine, Boone County chairman, spoke briefly on the campaign in Columbia and surrounding territory. "When asked to take the chairmanship of this important work," said Mr. McBaine, "I did not equivocate or ask to have it shifted to somebody else, for this is not a time for such considerations and every man must be made to feel that the work is his own as much as the other fellow's."

Each Must Invest \$20.

On a basis of \$2,000,000,000 to be raised through the sale of these stamps, it was pointed out, the per capita sale would amount to \$20. Sixty-eight thousand dollars' worth have been allotted to Boone County, but with the school districts all organized and stamps on sale in all places of business it was the belief of Mr. McBaine that the quota would be raised and perhaps oversubscribed. An educational campaign in the interests of saving will be conducted for two months and the rest of the twelve months allotted to the sale of the certificates will be used for the active campaign.

It was the opinion of all present that the merchants have a splendid opportunity in selling these thrift stamps to assist the Government as well as the people of this community. The following firms volunteered to place the thrift stamps and "baby bonds" on sale in their places of business as soon as they could be obtained through the proper channels: Payne-Roth Grocery Company, which declared its intention to take \$1,000 worth of the bonds; Hetzler Packing Company, J. H. Estes Dry Goods Company, L. W. Berry Grocery Company, Victor Barth Clothing Company, S. H. Levy Shoe Company, Branham Dry Goods Company, C. B. Miller Shoe Company, Strawn-Neate Dry Goods Company, Parker Furniture Company, J. E. Gillespie Drug Company, Harris Confectionery, New York Store, Boling Lumber Company, W. B. Nowell, A. C. Estep & Co., F. L. Limerick and the Belcher Grocery Company.

P. F. Barnes to Peabody Institute.

Paul F. Barnes, a graduate of the College of Agriculture, has accepted a position as physical director in the George Peabody Institute for Teachers in Nashville, Tenn. He has been physical director and football coach in the Oklahoma City High School this fall, coaching a team which won the state championship.

Play by Dramatic Club in January.

The University Dramatic Club will meet at 7 o'clock Thursday night in Room B of the Y. M. C. A. Building to make plans for presenting "The Playboys of the Western World" early in January.

ARMISTICE REQUIRES
NO TROOP TRANSFER

Russo - German Agreement Allows Exchange of Mail and Necessities.

WAR LIMITS DEFINED

Black Sea and Baltic Sea Are Free—Slavs Guarantee Observance of Rules.

By Associated Press. PETROGRAD, Dec. 17.—The terms of the Russo-German armistice, according to a statement issued here, obligates no transfer of troops until June 14. No increase in troops on the islands in the Moon Sound or regrouping of forces is stipulated. The Germans are not to concentrate troops between the Black Sea and the Baltic east of the fifteenth degree of longitude east of Greenwich. Intercourse between the troops may be allowed from sunrise to sunset. Groups are limited to twenty-five persons at a time, who may exchange newspapers and unsealed mail and may carry on trade and exchange articles of prime necessity.

A special agreement will be made by the naval general staff regarding the extension of the armistice to the White Sea and the Russian coast in the Arctic zone. It is agreed also that a tax on war and commercial vessels must stop in this region in order to avoid a tax on other seas.

The armistice on the naval front embraces all of the front of the Black Sea and the Baltic Sea east of the meridian 15 degrees east of Greenwich, the demarcation in the Black Sea line being from the lighthouse on Slinke to the estuary of the Danube to Cape Jarius. In the Baltic the line runs from Reoguel to the western coast of Worms Island to the Island of Bagaher and to Khegarne. Russian war vessels must not cross south of this line and those of the other countries must not go north of it.

The Russians guarantee that the Entente war vessels will obey the rules of this provision and that Russian warships will not be allowed to sail between the Aland Island.

Russians Expect Lasting Peace.

By Associated Press. LONDON, Dec. 17.—The predominant fact regarding the Russian situation is the signing of the armistice. According to special dispatches from Petrograd, everyone believes that a permanent peace will be the result. Correspondents in general treat as negligible the undertaking of the Germans and their allies not to draw troops from the western front. Petrograd dispatches to the Times say that large numbers of Germans already have been removed and probably the German command has transferred all those troops it intends to employ elsewhere.

M. U. MEN NOW GENERALS

Edgar Russel, With Pershing's Army, Was Here in 1880-'81. Brigadier-General Edgar Russel, with General Pershing's army in France, is the second former student in the University of Missouri to receive that rank. The other is General E. H. Crowder. General Russel was a student here in 1880 and 1881. Later he went to West Point, where he was graduated in 1886. He is now chief signal officer with General Pershing's army.

When General Russel was a child, the battle of Lone Jack took place on a part of his father's farm in Jackson County. When he was a student here, he registered from Breckenridge.

ABANDONS ITS FORMAL PARTIES

Delta Tau Delta Decides to Aid War Funds.

The Delta Tau Delta fraternity has decided to abolish chapter parties and dances for the coming semester. The money ordinarily used for these functions will be turned over to the Red Cross, the Y. M. C. A. or similar funds of the organizations devoted to the comfort of the soldiers.

"More than a score of the men of our chapter have enlisted since the beginning of the war," said a member of the fraternity. "We believe that it is the duty of these men at home to do all they can to make the men at the front comfortable."

ITALIANS STOP ATTACK

Drive Back Austro-Germans in Disorder.

By Associated Press. ROME, Dec. 17.—Austro-German forces which attacked the Italian lines on the northern front from the direction of San Marino were driven back in disorder, the war office announced today.

Journalism Graduate to Third Camp.

Houston Harte, who was graduated from the School of Journalism in 1916, has been ordered to report to Camp Pike, Little Rock, Ark., for the Third Officers' Training Camp. Mr. Harte is the owner of the Central Missouri Republican, published at Booneville, Mo.

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and Vicinity.
Fair tonight becoming cloudy and unsettled Tuesday, slightly warmer. Lowest temperature tonight about 30.
For Missouri: Generally fair tonight and Tuesday; slowly rising temperature.
Shippers' Forecast: Within a radius of 200 miles of Columbia the lowest temperature tonight will be 32 West and North; 28 East and South.

Weather Conditions.
In all the country west of the Mississippi River the weather continues to moderate. Whereas freezing conditions still obtain, zero temperatures, on the other hand, have disappeared. East of the Mississippi, however, the cold wave still is dominant and unusually low temperatures prevail from Canada to Florida.
Rain has fallen along the Pacific Coast, and snow along the Atlantic Coast, but there has been none of consequence in the interior; the winter wheat belt, however, still has its snow covering.

In Columbia the weather will continue moderate until Wednesday.

Local Data.
The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 34 and the lowest last night was 22; precipitation 0.00; relative humidity 2 p. m., yesterday 61 per cent. A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 50 and the lowest 17 precipitation 0.00 inch.

The Almanac.

Sun rises today, 7:23 a. m. Sun sets, 4:40 p. m.

Moon sets 8:49 a. m.

The Temperatures Today.

7 a. m. 22 11 a. m. 32

8 a. m. 21 12 m. 35

9 a. m. 25 1 p. m. 37

10 a. m. 28 2 p. m. 38

HOUSE VOTES DRY

Amendment for Prohibition Carries by More Than Necessary Majority.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17 (4:50 p. m.).—The House passed the prohibition amendment to the Constitution by a vote of 282 to 128 this afternoon after a 6-hour debate on the question. This is 25 more than the necessary two-thirds required to carry the amendment.

Before the final vote on the amendment was taken, the House by a rising vote of 232 to 107, rejected the provision that the prohibition amendment should not apply to light wines and beers.

The House began the vote at 5:08 o'clock this afternoon. William J. Bryan appeared on the floor and took a seat with representative, who introduced the amendment. He was the recipient of congratulations.

Six-Hour Debate Precedes Vote.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Both wets and dries predicted victory today when the House launched its 6-hour debate, which was to close at 6 o'clock this afternoon, on the constitutional amendment for prohibition.

The dries admitted that the wets had been gaining strength for several days but claimed 20 votes to spare over the necessary two-thirds.

The wets predicted the defeat of the resolution by a narrow margin.

CELEBRATE JERUSALEM'S FALL

Capture of City and Last of Holidays Coincide.

The burning of the eight Hanukkah candles on the last night of the holiday of the Jewish rededication of the Holy Temple over 2,000 years ago was also to the Poale Zionists of Columbia the celebration of the capture of Jerusalem less than two weeks ago. According to the report in the English Parliament, this means that both events happened on the same day. To the Jews, then, Hanukkah takes on a double significance.

The Poale Zionist Society met last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Glickman, 13 South Sixth street. A paper by Aaron Lieberman characterized Hanukkah as a rebirth of the Jewish nation. Mr. Glickman explained that the Poale Zionist Society had a double purpose: To regain Palestine and to promote socialistic ideas. Julius J. Kerman gave a humorous reading on Hanukkah by the late Sholem Alachem, the Jewish Mark Twain.

Songs were sung and refreshments served.

ASKS FOR FORMER GAS RATES

Local Company Wants \$1.75 and \$1.60 Per 1,000 Cubic Feet.

The appeal of the Columbia Gas Company to return to its former gas rates is up before the Public Utilities Commission in Jefferson City today.

The local gas company, under pressure of the substantial increase in coal, coke and oil prices and general overhead expense, has asked permission to return to the old rates of \$1.75 per 1,000 cubic feet for small consumers and \$1.60 per 1,000 cubic feet for large consumers.

Upon investigation three years ago, the Public Utilities Commission declared the gas prices then being charged were too high, and they were lowered to \$1.35 and \$1.20, respectively, rates which are maintained now. The appeal is to return to the former ones.

George Starrett, city attorney, is in Jefferson City today representing the City of Columbia in the hearing.

Bluffton Couple Will Be Married

Miss Elizabeth Stiers, 22 years old, and Elmer Clark, 21 years old, both of Bluffton, will be married tonight.

GEN. CROZIER TELLS
OF ARMY EQUIPMENT

Report Shows Contract for Million Enfield Rifles Placed June 30.

ORDERS ARE RUSHED

Production of Large Mobile Artillery Is Chief Source of Delay.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Army ordnance conditions at the beginning of the present fiscal year are treated only briefly by Major-General Crozier, chief of ordnance, in the annual report of his bureau made public today. Since the report was written, General Crozier has furnished the Senate Military Committee a much more complete record of what has been done to arm the forces in France and those under training in the United States.

The report shows that up to June 30 orders had been placed for one million Enfield rifles, detailed for the recharging of the British standard gun for American ammunition.

On the machine gun situation General Crozier says that several types of weapons have been found efficient by the machine gun board, but the procuring of an adequate supply was a question of securing delivery. "In other words," he added, "the number of machine guns on hand when war was declared was so small that it was necessary to keep going at the greatest possible capacity those machine gun factories which were already in operation and to utilize their output when the guns so manufactured had been reported by the board as sufficient, even though they might not have been reported as most efficient. Every energy has been bent to secure satisfactory output, and considerable progress in this direction is being made. Funds appropriated today are adequate for the purpose."

It is shown in the report that all American field guns are to be smaller in caliber, similar to the French seventy-fives, which have been so much discussed since the war began. Both these and the machine guns are under manufacture in quantities, the report says.

The report also shows that 3.8 inch and 6 inch howitzers, the guns principally used for barrage work in trench fighting, were designed and ready for manufacture on June 30.

The production of large mobile artillery, that is, weapons of the type of the German 42 centimeter guns, are to be the chief source of delay in Army equipment.

To Rearrange High Commands.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Rearrangement of some of the high commands in the War Department was indicated by the detachment of officers designated by Secretary Baker to sit in the Department War Council. It became known that Major General Goethals, builder of the Panama Canal, has been offered the position of quartermaster general to succeed Major General Sharpe.

Provost-Marshal Crowder is the only officer assigned to the War Council who will not be detached from his present office.

TO REPEAT COURSE FOR WOMEN

College of Agriculture to Give Subjects From January 2 to March 1.

The College of Agriculture of the University of Missouri has decided to repeat the course in training for home service during the second term of the Short Course from January 2 to March 1.

The subjects which will be offered are: The selection and preparation of foods, planning and preparation of meals, the preservation of food, sewing and dress making, home care of the sick and first aid. Any woman who is 16 years old may take this course.

IRBIE CONLEY IS RELEASED

Prosecuting Attorney Says It's No Crime to Forge Prescription.

Irbie Conley, who was arrested Saturday night on a charge of trying to have a forged drug prescription filled at Penn's Pharmacy, was released today when Prosecuting Attorney W. M. Dinwiddie refused to file information against him on the grounds that it was not illegal to forge a doctor's name to a prescription. It is alleged that Conley secured the blank prescription and filled in the name of a doctor.

No Escorts for These Co-Eds.

On petition of the co-eds of the Fourth District Normal School at Springfield, it has been decided to dispense with night meetings of all literary and other student societies of the school. The co-eds blame the war for having to change the meetings to daytime. The reason given is that so many of the men students have been called to the colors that there is a serious dearth of escorts to accompany the young women to their homes at night.